



ONE IN FAITH Area Catholic Community of

St. Mary - Melrose, Sacred Heart - Freeport
Immaculate Conception - New Munich
St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa, St. Michael - Spring Hill
St. Andrew - Greenwald, St. John - Meire Grove

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 10, 2024

Fr. Daniel Walz, Pastor
Fr. Mitchell Bechtold, Pastor
Fr. Oswaldo Roche, Parochial Vicar

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Greenwald - Meire Grove Office:**

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Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Freeport, MN 56331

Bulletin Announcements

Deadline: Tuesday before 9:00 am

Email information to: bulletin@catholic-centered.org

Confession Times

- ◆Fridays 7:45 am Sacred Heart
- ◆Saturdays 3:30 pm Immaculate Conception
- ◆Saturdays 3:30 pm St. Andrew
- ◆Saturdays 4:30 pm St. Mary
- ◆Or by appointment. Call the Parish Office.

Marriage

Couples are to begin preparation 6-12 months in advance and **must** call the respective Parish Office **before setting a date.**

*Diocesan Marriage Preparation Classes are required.

Baptism & RCIA

If you are interested in having your child baptized or participating in the RCIA program, contact the respective Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick,
Home Bound Communion
Pastoral Visitation
Joining/Leaving a Parish

If you have any of the above or other pastoral needs, please call the respective Parish Office or check the parish websites.



Giving Your Whole Livelihood

Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Mark 12:41-42

If you were in charge of the Temple treasury, which would you prefer? The rich putting in large sums of money? Or one poor widow putting in two small coins? Of course, an honest answer to that question might be hard to give. Much good can be done with large sums of money, right? Wouldn't it be better to accept more than a few cents? The dilemma one would experience in this situation reveals a misperception that we regularly encounter in life. Is more better than less? Is wealth better than poverty? Is success better than failure? It all depends upon the spiritual reality at hand.

Take, for example, success vs. failure. Say one person sets off on a selfish and immoral business venture that quickly produces a huge income. Many would consider that a success. Say another person prayerfully sought to fulfill the will of God and started some other business. After years of trying, that business failed and went into bankruptcy. Which situation is better? Clearly, the one who sought to fulfill the will of God is the winner. Why? Because the spiritual fruit of fidelity to the will of God, despite worldly setbacks, produced an eternal treasure more valuable than earthly wealth.

God judges the heart, not the worldly outcome. In fact, from a worldly perspective alone, Jesus' life was a complete failure. He was arrested, charged with a capital crime, beaten and killed. His earthly kingdom—desired by many of his followers—was never established. Many of them abandoned Him when He was killed. Even after He rose from the dead, He didn't establish an earthly kingdom.

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ NOVEMBER 11 - 17 ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose
Mo 6:30 pm Misa en Español
Tu 8:00 am
We 8:00 am
Th 8:00 am
Fr 8:30 am
Sa 5:00 pm
*SU 10:00 am
Su 12:30 pm

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa
Tu 8:15 am
Su 10:00 am

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill
Tu 8:00 am
Su 10:00 am

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald
Th 8:00 am
Sa 4:00 pm

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove
We 8:00 am
Su 8:00 am

St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa
Immaculate Conception - New Munich
St. Mary - Melrose
Sacred Heart - Freeport

SACRED HEART - Freeport
We 8:15 am
Fr 8:15 am
Su 8:00 am

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich
Th 8:15 am
Sa 4:00 pm

*Mass will be livestreamed.
Visit: oneinfaith.org for the YouTube link.



ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

Fall Quarter Craze Freeport Christian Women are hosting our Fall Quarter Craze on Monday, November 18 at the Freeport Community Center.

VETERANS DAY Veterans Day This weekend we acknowledge, honor and thank those who are currently serving or have served in the armed forces. Lord God, Almighty Father, creator of mankind and author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces.

The Johnny Holm Band will be at the Freeport Community Center on Friday, November 29 (Thanksgiving Weekend). Doors will open at 8:30 pm. Music from 9:00 pm -12:00 am.

24 Hour Adoration: Meditate on the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist: Consider taking an hour from your schedule to adore and spend time with the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration.



Committed Adorers: We are looking for some individuals or couples to be committed adorers for the Wednesday Evening Praise and Worship Adoration Nights at Sacred Heart.



One In Faith ACC Pastoral Council Meeting... The One In Faith Pastoral Council will meet Tuesday, November 12 at 7:00 pm at the Church of St. Mary, Fireside Room.

Holiday Décor Do you need a wreath for your door, a centerpiece for your table, or a beautiful poinsettia? The Tri-Parish Youth Group has some available for purchase as part of their annual fundraiser.

Online Evening Prayer with Young Adults Young adults ages 18+ are invited to pray online together with other young adults and School Sisters of Notre Dame from across the U.S. and Canada on Tuesday, November 26 at 7:00 pm.

NET Retreat Team Housing: We are looking for housing for the NET Team who are hosting a retreat on Thursday, November 21 for our 10th graders. This is a great opportunity to spend some time with these young adults who are on fire about their faith.



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CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART
 Physical Address: 106 3rd Avenue NE Freeport, MN 56331
 Church Basement 320-836-2191

◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offerings ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$10,311.10
Regular Adult Offering	7,690.00
Plate/Loose	1,234.10
Designated Funds	1,387.00

◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offerings ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$9,421.85
Regular Adult Offering.....	7,438.63
Plate/Loose.....	509.00
Votive.....	147.17
School Support.....	100.00
Thanksgiving.....	50.00
Immaculate Conception.....	20.00
Christmas.....	25.00
Christmas Flowers.....	30.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	15.00
All Saints Plate.....	168.05
All Saints Envelopes.....	684.00
All Souls Envelopes.....	235.00

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle



11-03	\$25	Elmer & Virginia Meyer - Melrose
11-04	\$25	Bob Myers - Eau Claire, WI
11-05	\$25	Jessica Clear - Melrose
11-06	\$25	Sheila Hellermann - Melrose
11-07	\$25	Rochelle Gregory - Willmar
11-08	\$50	Dylan Graves - Meire Grove
11-09	\$25	Jim Athmann - Melrose

Mass Time Change Daily Mass time at St. Mary's has been changed to 8:00 am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, and 8:30 am on Fridays.

Craft Sale and Dues Collection The St. Mary's Melrose Christian Women will have a craft sale and dues collection before and after both Masses November 16 & 17. Craft donations accepted!

Don't Forget to Turn in Your Commitment Card We're still in the midst of our annual Stewardship Renewal. If you haven't returned your Commitment Card or completed one online at the parish website, www.oneinfaith.org/stmarys, it is NOT too late. Returning your card is an important part of being an active member of St. Mary's. Please take this opportunity to discern how God is calling you to grow closer to Him this year.

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle Tickets can be purchased before and after most weekend Masses or at the parish office, Magnifi Financial-Melrose Branch, or Freeport State Bank-Melrose Branch. All tickets need to be purchased before 9:00 am on Tuesday, December 31!

Parish Events

We	11/13	4:30 pm	Marion Consecration Mini Session - NM
We	11/13	6:00 pm	Faith Formation Grade 2
We	11/13	7:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades 7-10
Fr	11/15	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	11/15	9:00 am	Adoration

Baptized in Christ... We welcome Vivian Carter Gerads, the daughter of Dustyn & Brianna Gerads, to our parish. Vivian Carter was baptized on Saturday, November 2.

Welcome to our Parish... We welcome Ryan & Barbara Heinen, and their children, Joseph James, Micah, and Magdalyn, to our parish.

May They Rest in Peace... Please pray for members of our parish who have died this past year. They were remembered at Mass last weekend with our traditional candle lighting ceremony.

- ♥Betty Hennen November 28, 2023
- ♥Dorothy Hollenkamp December 23, 2023
- ♥Robert "Bob" Hoeschen January 7, 2024
- ♥Susan "Sue" Rolfes-Worms March 20, 2024
- ♥Neil Middendorf May 19, 2024
- ♥Christopher "Chris" Welle June 25, 2024
- ♥Frederick "Fred" Overman July 8, 2024
- ♥David Soenneker August 18, 2024
- ♥Elizabeth "Betty Lou" Goebel September 20, 2024

The Scriptures This Week
 Year B, Weekdays - Cycle II

Mo	Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop	
	Ti 1:1-9	Lk 17:1-6
Tu	Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr	
	Ti 2:1-8, 11-14	Lk 17:7-10
We	Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin	
	Ti 3:1-7	Lk 17:11-19
Th	Phlm 7-20	Lk 17:20-25
Fr	2 Jn 4-9	Lk 17:26-37
Sa	3 Jn 5-8	Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	Dn 12:1-3	Heb 10:11-14, 18 Mk 13:24-32

2025 Calendars are in the back of the church.

Server Cassock (Gown) Care The parish is looking for help with caring for the server cassocks. This includes washing and ironing the gowns throughout the year and could be an individual or a team of individuals. Please contact the Parish Office in Freeport if you are willing to assist with this task.

Sacred Heart School
 Calendar Raffle Winners!



11/03	\$25	Brett Lieser - Hawick
11/04	\$25	Annella Blonigen - St. Martin
11/05	\$25	Robert & Judy Wehlage - Melrose
11/06	\$25	Julie Job - Freeport
11/07	\$25	Jim & Lisa Herdering - Freeport
11/08	\$25	Mark & Bev Wiechman - Freeport
11/09	\$25	Ed Tamm - Fort Ripley

"I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living." (Mark 12:43-44)

Jesus gets right to the point – we are all called to give money to support the mission of the Church, regardless of our circumstance. No gift is too small or insignificant! Giving money to support the mission of our local parish is a matter of our faith, just like praying and participating in parish ministries. When you make a financial offering, is it from your "first fruits" or from what is "left over"?

CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Physical Address: 650 Main Street
New Munich, MN 56356
Church Basement 320-837-5217

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$3,719.31
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,525.69
Plate/Loose.....	195.00
All Souls Envelopes.....	127.00
Cash Bazaar	20.00
All Saints Plate.....	260.00
All Saints Envelopes.....	557.00
Building/Maintenance	34.62

Parish Events

- We 11/13 4:30 pm Marion Consecration Mini Session
- We 11/13 6:00 pm Faith Formation Grade 2 - FR
- We 11/13 7:00 pm Faith Formation Gr. 7-10 - FR
- Sa 11/16 3:30 pm Individual Confessions



Harvest Supper on Saturday, November 23 in the church basement serving after the 4:00 pm Mass until 8:00 pm. Menu: Loin Chops, Potatoes (German & small red), Sauerkraut, Beans, Beverages & Desserts. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 ages 6-10, Free age 5 and under. Parish raffle tickets will be available. Proceeds to help meet ongoing parish expenses. For additional information, please call 320-248-2231 or 320-250-6288.

May They Rest in Peace... Please pray for members of our parish who have died this past year. They were remembered at Mass last weekend with our traditional candle lighting ceremony.

- ♥Mary Kay Flynn November 18, 2023
- ♥Marie Kampsen November 27, 2023
- ♥Lorene "Lori" Zierden February 18, 2024
- ♥Jackson Neuens-Studer March 18, 2024
- ♥Mary Ann Zierden March 20, 2024

CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA

Physical Address: 28905 County Road 17
St. Rosa, MN 56331
Church Basement 320-836-2537

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$2,127.85
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,392.85
Plate/Loose.....	381.00
School Support.....	5.00
World Mission Sunday.....	10.00
All Saints Plate.....	164.00
All Saints Envelopes.....	110.00
All Souls Envelopes.....	65.00

Parish Events

- We 11/13 4:30 pm Marion Consecration Mini Session-NM
- We 11/13 6:00 pm Faith Formation Gr. 2 - FR
- We 11/13 7:00 pm Faith Formation Gr. 7-10 - FR
- Fr 11/15 7:30 pm Rosary

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- ♥Claude Toenyan March 17, 2024
- ♥Leo Eveslage October 11, 2024

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

Physical Address: 102 St. Michael Avenue N.
Spring Hill, MN 56352
Church Basement 320-987-3405

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$2,197.97
Regular Adult Offering.....	370.00
Plate/Loose	59.00
Cemetery.....	20.00
Fuel Fund.....	5.00
All Saints.....	42.00
Maintenance Fund.....	40.00
Windows Repair.....	1,661.97

Liturgical Ministries

Sunday, November 17 - 10:00 am

- (S) Kenny Niehoff
- (L) Ralph Klassen
- (U) Roger Meyer & Mark Schoenberg
- (EM) (B) Jenny Kalthoff
- (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
- (Sacristan) Ruth Heinen
- (RL) Marilyn Gruber
- (CC) Amy Orbeck & Marvin Rademacher
- (HK: November 10-23) Jackie Schoenberg, Sharon Schoenberg, & Cyndi Schulzetenberg

Annual Fall Cleaning Group 3 will be

doing the annual fall church cleaning on Monday, November 11. The morning shift will begin at 9:00 am and the evening shift will start at 6:00 pm. If you are unable to attend, please find a replacement. Please contact Sandra Gruber with any questions.



Save the Date: Catholic United Financial Council #126 of Spring Hill will have their annual meeting and Christmas Party on Sunday, December 1. More details to follow.

Giving Your Whole Livelihood continued from page 1



Of course, in the spiritual realm, the realm of eternal realities, Jesus' life was infinitely successful. His death destroyed death itself, and His Resurrection enabled all who believe in Him to share in eternal life. His spiritual Kingdom is now in full bloom and will one day be visible to all.

Back to our original question. If you were in charge of the Temple treasury, and you were given the same option that Jesus pointed to of receiving the large sums of money from the rich, or the two coins from the poor widow, it would certainly be better to accept the two coins. If that is hard to comprehend, then it is a sign that you live more according to the values of the world than the values of the spiritual Kingdom of God. The poor widow gave more than two small coins; she also gave the spiritual gift of her generosity and complete trust in God. She gave all she had and trusted that God would take care of her and use her gift for good. This is infinitely more fruitful for the building of the Kingdom of God than the gift of someone's excess of money. God does not need our money, but we need to give it, be detached from it, and be ready and willing to give everything we have, all that we are, our entire livelihood to God. This is trust. This is a spiritual gift that will have far greater eternal ramifications for the salvation of souls than all the money in the world.

Reflect, today, upon the compliment Jesus pays to this poor widow. "She, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood." Do you contribute your whole livelihood? Do you dedicate everything you have, all your energies and gifts, and all that you are to the service of God for His glory? We are called to give everything to God—not just a portion of our lives. Reflect upon how well you imitate this poor widow and seek to follow her holy example.

Most generous Lord, You gave all that You had and all that You are out of love for the salvation of the world. Help me to imitate Your total gift by returning all to You, entrusting my entire life, all that I am, and my entire livelihood to You.
Jesus, I trust in You.

CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW

Physical Address: 211 W 2nd Avenue N.
Greenwald, MN 56335
Church Basement 320-987-3160

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$2,816.50
Regular Adult Offering	1,963.00
Plate/Loose	197.00
Candles.....	6.00
Cemetery.....	500.00
Fuel Fund.....	5.50
School Subsidy.....	55.00
World Mission.....	5.00
All Saints.....	85.00

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, November 16 - 4:00 pm

- (S) Matthew Dehmer & Noah Dehmer
- (L) Isaiah Gilk
- (U) Mark Silbernack & Benjamin Stepan
- (GB) Clarine Beier & Mary Opatry
- (EM) (B) Clarine Beier
- (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
- (HK - November) *Carol Winter, Kris Winter, Laurel Worms, & Steph Worms

Died in the Hope of Resurrection...

†Leona Bertram, 94

Calendar Raffle Winners: Catholic United Financial #324 Calendar Raffle Winner drawing was held Friday, November 1 at the Greenwald Pub with officers and other members present. Winners are listed below:

- 11/1 \$25 Cody and Katie Imdieke
- 11/2 \$50 Tom and Kim Schneider
- 11/3 \$50 Ron and Carol Winter
- 11/4 \$25 Ken Jenc
- 11/5 \$25 Mike Meyer
- 11/6 \$25 Josh Worms
- 11/7 \$25 Dan Nietfeld
- 11/8 \$25 Michael Burg
- 11/9 \$50 Greg Van Beck

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN

Physical Address: 20 State Highway 4 S.
Meire Grove, MN 56352
Church Basement 320-987-3631

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$18,711.33
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,410.00
Children.....	0.25
Plate/Loose	336.00
Votives.....	80.08
School Subsidy.....	80.00
Funeral.....	100.00
Hurricane.....	50.00
World Mission.....	10.00
All Saints.....	375.00
Donations.....	200.00
Potato Pancake Supper.....	16,000.00
Steeple Lighting.....	60.00
Fuel Fund.....	10.00

Liturgical Ministries

Sunday, November 17 - 8:00 am

- (S) Morgan Funk & Paige Funk
- (L) Jim Leukam
- (U) Dean Meyer & Doug Meyer
- (GB) Marvin & Karen Schneider
- (EM) (B) Nick Kelzer & Jim Leukam
- (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
- (HK - November) *Irene Marthaler, Char Meyer, Sue Meyer, Geri Meyer, Heidi Meyer, & Karen Meyer



HISPANIC MINISTRY

¡Celebración de nuestra Señora de Guadalupe!

El Ministerio Hispano de la Iglesia de Santa Maria está realizando los preparativos para la más importante y significativa celebración de nuestra comunidad. Por lo que estamos aceptando donaciones para llevar a cabo esta celebración. Si ustedes gustan apoyar, los invitamos a que tomen un sobre especial y lo depositen en las colectas dominicales.



¡Conoce a los nuevos miembros del Consejo de Liderazgo parroquial Hispano de la Iglesia de Santa Maria!

El pasado 15 de Octubre se inauguró el nuevo Consejo de Liderazgo Parroquial Hispano conformado por las siguientes personas: Pedro Hernandez, Yudi Hernandez, Rosa Ramirez, Antolin Morente, Maria Salinas, Guadalupe Montañez, Romeo Garcia, Salustia Cruz, Anastacio Roblero, Bertha Orozco y Maria Barragan. Todos ellos estarán sirviendo en este ministerio por los próximos 3 años.

¿Eres adulto y aún no has recibido todos tus sacramentos de iniciación (Bautismo, Confirmación y Primera Comunion)?

El programa Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos dará inicio el día 12 de Noviembre del presente año a las 6:00 pm. ¡Aún tienes tiempo de registrarte! Llama a la oficina parroquial de Lunes a viernes de 8:00am - 12:00 pm para asistencia en español o habla con alguno de los diáconos hispanos después de la Misa dominical.



HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

Look for more information about these and other events in Central Minnesota Catholic Magazine or Local Paper or Online

November 10, Sunday

◆Hunters Mass hosted by The Haven of Mercy ACC at Holy Family Parish 18777 Riverwood Dr., Little Falls, MN. Mass is at 8:00 pm.

November 13, Wednesday

◆Quilting at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All are welcome.
◆November Soup Luncheon hosted by the Melrose Area Senior Citizens. Serving from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm at the Melrose Senior Center, located in the lower level of the Melrose City offices. If you would like to contribute a pot of soup or bread, please contact Ruth Traeger at 320-492-4583. Free will offering, all are welcome!

November 20, Wednesday

◆Quilting at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All are welcome.

November 21, Thursday

◆Freeport Senior Citizens meeting at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All area seniors welcome. Bingo and 500 will be played.

November 23, Saturday

◆Harvest Supper at Immaculate Conception Church basement, New Munich. Serving from after the 4:00 pm Mass until 8:00 pm. Menu: Loin Chops, potatoes (German & small red), sauerkraut, beans, beverages, and desserts. Tickets: \$10 - Adult, Ages 6-10 - \$5, Age 5 and under are free. Parish raffle tickets will be available. Proceeds: Help meet ongoing parish expenses. For additional info please call 320-248-2231 or 320-250-6288.

November 24, Sunday

◆Catholic United Financial Matching Grant Breakfast at Church of Saint Anthony of Padua in St. Anthony, MN 6 miles North of Albany. Serving from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. All you can eat old fashioned ham, scrambled eggs, fried potatoes, applesauce, breakfast breads, rolls, coffee, and milk. Tickets: Adults \$12, Children ages 4-10 \$6 and ages 3 and under are free.

YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

Contact Information:

youthministry@catholic-centered.org

or faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

Bowling at the Albany Bowling Center

Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for an evening of bowling. Thursday, November 14 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm meet in the Sacred Heart Church parking lot. Cost is \$20. If you have questions, please contact Alyssa 320-429-0770.

Castaway Retreat for Grades 9-12:

Friday - Sunday, March 28-30 at the Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes, MN. Castaway has been an energizing experience for our young Church in the Diocese of St. Cloud for 52 years. This retreat is a weekend filled with powerful prayer, fun skits, inspirational speakers, awesome music, an incredible Mass, and many faith-growing opportunities. Come together with over 300 others and make new friends, take time to relax, laugh, eat fantastic food, and renew your spirit while strengthening your relationship with God. Cost - \$200. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, February 5 with a \$100 non-refundable deposit. Registration forms are available on the parish websites. Contact Chrystal Sand at csand@catholic-centered.org or 320-836-2143, or Pam Pundsack at pam@stmarysofmelrose.org or 320-256-9503 with questions.

Bible & Breakfast Students in grades 7-12 are invited to enjoy scripture and breakfast with peers at the Melrose Area High School Media Center. We will meet on Wednesdays, from 7:15-8:00 am. If there is no school or a late start, we will not meet. To register contact Chrystal at 320-266-5554.

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

- **Grades 1, 3-6: Next Class:** Wednesday, November 13. Home Lesson.
- **Grade 2: Next Class:** Wednesday, November 13 at 6:00 pm. Please meet in the parish office.
- **Grade 7-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, November 13 at 7:00 pm. Bring your Bible, books, notebook, and pen. Meet in your classroom.
- **Grade 10: NET Retreat 2024-2025** 10th graders save the date of Thursday, November 21 from 5:00 - 9:00 pm for the required NET Retreat. This retreat will be held at Immaculate Conception in New Munich.
- **Wreath & Poinsettia Pick Up** Tuesday, November 19 from 4:30 - 5:45 pm in Sacred Heart Church basement. The poinsettias will need a warm vehicle to transport them. This is the only date for pick up. If you are unable to pick up your wreaths and poinsettias on the designated date, you will need to make arrangements for someone else to pick them up.

Service Project:

- **Christmas Caroling** Saturday, December 7 from 1:30 - 5:00 pm. We will meet in Immaculate Conception church basement. We will sing carols for the residents at local care facilities. We will end the evening with Mass in New Munich. Permission forms are available on the website, www.sacredheartfreeport.org. Forms are due Wednesday, November 20.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- **Grades 7-12: Next Class:** Wednesday, November 13 from 7:15-8:30 pm at St. Mary's Church. We will have a Guest Speaker.
- **Leaf Raking Service Project** at St. John the Baptist Church grounds in Meire Grove on Friday, November 15, 10:30 am. Grades 9-11 students that didn't help with road-ditch clean-up, bingo or potato pancake supper. Meet at the playground parking lot next to the church in Meire Grove. Lunch to follow.
- **First Communion: Next Class:** Saturday, November 16 from 9:00-10:30 am at St. Mary's Church. Students only.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



PASTOR: Fr. Dan Walz
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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:
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 Ben Kalthoff, Tamara Welle,
 Lindsay Frieler, and Jenelle Herkenhoff
www.shsfreeport.org School Phone: 320-836-2591
 Toddler Center Phone: 320-836-2585



PASTOR: Fr. Mitchell Bechtold
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PRINCIPAL: Mary Miller
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 Kelzer, Kurt Meyer, Trista Meyer,
 Jenny Wilson, and Kristi Zimmer
 Phone: 320-987-3133
www.sjsaschool.org

♥ **Thank You** to Hennen Lumber for bringing Halloween treats for every student at SHS. We appreciate your generosity!

♥ **SHS Will Have Conferences** for Pre-k through grade 6 the week of November 11.

♥ **SHS Veterans Day Program** will be on Monday, November 11 at 12:30 pm.

♥ **The Next School Board Meeting** is scheduled for Thursday, November 14.

♥ **No School** on Friday, November 15.

Looking Ahead:

• **Johnny Holm** will be at the Freeport Community Center on Friday, November 29. This event is sponsored by Friends of Sacred Heart Catholic School for the benefit of Sacred Heart School. Tickets are \$20 at the door, but if you want to buy your tickets in advance for \$15 call the school office at 320-836-2591.

• **SHS Wine & Dine Fundraiser** will be January 25 at the Freeport Community Ctr.

♦ **Endowment Fun** As of September 30, 2024, St. Mary's School had \$1,505,369.58 in the school endowment fund. Of this amount, \$890,235.78 is principal, which is not to be spent. In addition, the endowment committee has awarded the school \$656,000 since the establishment of this fund. Thank you for supporting this fund. The endowment committee members are Gary Meyer, Lori Braegelmann, Alice Schaefer, Mary Spanier, and Rosie Athmann.

♦ **Parent-Teacher Conferences** are Tuesday, November 12, and Thursday, November 14, from 3:00 - 7:00 pm.

♦ **No School** on Friday, November 15.

♦ **St. Mary's School will celebrate its Thanksgiving Mass** at 8:30 am on Friday, November 22. Students are collecting food shelf items. All are welcome to join us for Mass and bring items for the food shelf.

♦ **Save the Date!** St. Mary's Christmas Program is at the Marit Elliot Performing Arts Center, Melrose Area School, on Wednesday, December 11, at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm. The Little Saints program is on Friday, December 13, at 10:00 am in the SMS gym.

♥ **Thank You** to everyone who attended the 5th and 6th grade Saints Wax Museum and who visited our Veterans Wall. It was wonderful to have such a great turnout.

♥ **Veterans Day Program** SJSA students will join St. Mary's students for a Veterans Day Program on Monday, November 11 at 8:30 am at St. Mary's School in Melrose.

♥ **Parent Teacher Conferences** are Thursday, November 14 from 2:30 - 7:00 pm.

♥ **No School** on Friday, November 15.

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Eagle's Healing Nest Donation Drive

The Tri-Parish Faith Formation will be collecting items to help the Eagle's Healing Nest provide for the needs of our many veterans. How can you help? You can donate items such as cleaning supplies, toiletries, bed sheet sets, paper plates, paper towels, winter gloves, general art supplies, or a monetary donation. Please drop off items in designated boxes in the back of the Tri-Parish churches in Freeport, New Munich and St. Rosa, in the weekend collection with the envelope marked Eagle's Healing Nest, or at the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport no later than Tuesday, December 10.

Young Adult Ministry: "From Minister to Mechanic: Finding God in all the Places"

The Office for Ministry with Young Adults is partnering with three different areas in our diocese to sponsor some Theology on Draft evenings this fall, "From Minister to Mechanic: Finding God in all the Places." Our speaker for the evenings is Cathy Heying, the founder and executive director of The Lift Garage, a nonprofit auto repair shop that provides low-cost car repair for low-income Minnesotans. Cathy has a rich history of social service and mission. In 2015, Cathy was named both a CNN Hero and the Irwin Tools Tradesperson of the Year. Young adults (ages 18-39) are invited to these evenings to learn and share faith, fellowship, food and refreshments. Appetizers will be served, and participants may purchase refreshments. Next event is:

•Thursday, November 14, 6:00-8:00 pm at Iron Street Distillery, St. Cloud

Theology Day at Saint John's University in Colledgeville

is a chance for people in our communities who are seeking a deeper spiritual life or understanding of their faith and its place in their everyday lives to learn from and interact with the theologians of Saint John's School of Theology and Seminary. It offers a chance for these scholars to gain insights and grow in their faith, as well. Enhance your spiritual life with one of the events listed below. All events are held from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm in Emmaus Hall. For more information or to register, please call 320-363-3560 or visit www.theologyday.com.



•True Happiness: Wisdom of the Heart - Friday, November 22

Time to Expand Your Circle of Friends? Try a TEC Retreat.

"God has a wonderful way of connecting the dots in our lives to people that will honor who we are, right where we are" (Tiffany Wilson). A TEC retreat will expand your circle of friends with those who will lift you up, support you, encourage you, and bring you closer to God. Come meet some new friends. Register for one of our three-day TEC retreats. www.cmtec.org. Together Encountering Christ (TEC) is open to both youth (age 16+) as well as adults and is located just north of Little Falls.



Natural Family Planning... Faithfully Yours: Discover Natural Family Planning (NFP)!

NFP cooperates with nature and God's plan for married love. The Billings Ovulation Method is a natural, highly effective method for postponing or achieving pregnancy without the use of drugs or devices. A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in: Sauk Centre on Thursday, November 21 and Thursday, December 19 at St. Paul's Church or CentraCare Health - Sauk Centre Hospital. For more information, or to register, contact Jill and Isaac Uphus at uphus.nfp@gmail.com or 320-290-8751. The class is approximately 1½ to 2 hours long. *Note: Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up!

An Epoch In Time history book of St. Rose of Lima Parish is available at the parish office in Freeport and Melrose. Cost \$35

Bishop's Annual Appeal

The Bishop's Annual Appeal proudly supports respect-for-life efforts in the diocese. Your generosity helps make this possible. To donate, visit www.stedio.org/annualappeal or mail to: Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302.



House Blessing... If you are interested in having your house blessed by Fr. Dan call the Tri-Parish Office, Freeport (320-836-2143).



Low Gluten Hosts are available for individuals that have a gluten intolerance. Please note, these hosts still contain gluten, less than 0.001% gluten, and are not completely gluten free. If you would like to have more information about the low gluten hosts, please contact

the Parish Office in Freeport. When you are planning to have a low gluten host for Mass, it will be necessary to have the host within a pyx (the parish can provide a pyx) and placed upon the altar for consecration. You will need to let Father know that you are present prior to Mass, and that you will be in his Communion line.

Public Rosary...

We have many intentions to pray for and much to be thankful for. All are invited and welcome!

- Mondays at 7:00 am in the church in Meire Grove.
- Tuesdays at 7:00 am in the church in Melrose.
- Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the church in Melrose.
- Every Thursday except the first Thursday at 6:30 pm in Spanish in the church in Melrose.
- Fridays at 7:30 pm at the church in St. Rosa.
- 30 minutes prior to each weekday and weekend Mass in Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa, and Spring Hill.
- 20 minutes prior to each weekday and weekend Mass in Greenwald.



Prayer Requests...

Please call the parish office to be added to this list.

For the Sick: Dorothy Schneider, Joan Schlicht, John Niehaus, Joyce Hauser, Laura Beuning, Lori Austing, Petra Oevermann, Regine Muellner, Sandy Welle, Tony Niehaus

Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:

- Sacred Heart - Judy Caveny 320-248-8830
- Immaculate Conception - Bernice Zink 320-837-5321
- St. Rose of Lima - Kayla Harren 320-333-8461
- St. Michael - Sharon Schulzetenberg..... 320-248-7702
- St. Mary's 320-256-3878

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